

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Barb Clifton.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Clint Hostettler, and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Councilor Hamilton moved to excuse Councilor Strode from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Elliott.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, and Clifton

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Hahn, City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Police Sergeant Kirk Wilson, Court Clerk Kathy Pototsky, Police Sergeant Carlos Cornejo, Detective Justin Macklin, Police Sergeant Mike Tyler, Police Sergeant Mike Kuper, Jonathan Faustino, Carlos Yañez, Stacey Wilz, Ian Wilz, Kevin Kelley, Noah Kelly, Kurt Demann, Michael Squibb, Terra Squibb, Benjamin Wood, Caleb Jones, Al Jones, Laudea Jones, Kent Spinden, Jenny Roberson, Natalie Bowman, Mike Hinkley, Doug Goldsmith, Jeff Simonson, Kyle Simonson, Heather Bagley, Mike Riper, Ryan Kelly, Jessica Wilson, Erik Villaseñor, Katie Mackley, Aaron Mattix, Gary Miller, Alisa Birkenfield, and Lindsey Sidener.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were heard from District Manager Mike Hinkley and Sales Manager Doug Goldsmith of Mountain Waste and Recycling informing Council that Mountain Waste was purchased by Waste Connection, Inc. earlier this month. Waste Connection, Inc. should be considered the new parent ownership, but the name will still remain Mountain Waste and Recycling and they will continue to provide service to the City per their contract.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Fermented Malt Beverage Off-Premises Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go LC dba Kum & Go #4923

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B; seconded by Councilor Green. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, and Clifton

RIFLE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES GRADUATES OF THE 2019 CITIZEN ACADEMY

Police Chief Tommy Klein and Police Sergeant Kirk Wilson recognized the graduates of the 2019 Citizen Academy and presented each of them with a plaque and a certificate. The 2019 Citizen Academy Graduates recognized were Jonathan Faustino, Carlos Yañez, Ian Wilz, Stacey Wilz, Kevin Kelley, Kurt Demann, Michael Squibb, Benjamin Wood, Caleb Jones, Kent Spinden, and Jenny Roberson.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION BY TWG DEVELOPMENT LLC AND RIFLE HOUSING AUTHORITY REGARDING PLANS FOR A LOW INCOME HOUSING APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AT 1ST STREET AND UTE AVENUE

Executive Director Natalie Bowman of the Rifle Housing Authority and Ryan Kelly of TWG Development, LLC presented future plans for a 50 unit senior low income housing located at 1st Street and Ute Avenue. TWG Development, LLC is a development company specializing in affordable and senior housing developments and Rifle Housing Authority will be managing the senior housing after completion.

CONSIDER REAPPOINTING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONERS

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist noted four members of Planning and Zoning Commissioners

terms are expiring in April of 2019 and all four of them are requesting reappointment. Staff recommends reappointment of Rick Steffen, Steven Fuller, Sharon Pettinger, and Karen Roberts to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another four year term.

Councilor Hostettler moved to approve reappoints Rick Steffen, Steven Fuller, Sharon Pettinger, and Karen Roberts to the Planning and Zoning Commissioners; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, and Clifton

CONSIDER ADOPTING 2018 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE BY REFERENCE - ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2019 – 2ND READING

Mayor Clifton opened the Public Hearing. City Attorney Jim Neu noted Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2019 adopts the 2018 Edition of Model Traffic Code (MTC) by Reference. The Model Traffic Code is a comprehensive traffic control regulations and provides a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation. The City currently operates under the 2010 Model Traffic Code and there are not any major policy changes to the 2018 Model Traffic Code. C.R.S. §31-16-203 governs the adoption of codes by reference. When we adopt a code by reference, only the amendments are listed in the Rifle Municipal Code. The Ordinance will become effective on June 1, 2019. Mayor Clifton closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Green moved to approve Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2019 on its second reading, as amended, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hostettler.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, and Clifton

CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR RIFLE ARCH RECREATION AREA

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist stated the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has identified the Rifle Arch Recreation Area in Rifle as an opportunity for non-motorized recreation. It would provide an alternative to the Hubbard Mesa area for non-motorized recreation such as hiking and biking. A coalition of local groups, Visitor Improvement Advisory board, the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation, the Rifle Area Mountain Biking Organization (RAMBO), and the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), has contributed funding to create a plan for more hiking and mountain biking trails in the Rifle Arch Recreation area. The BLM requests that the City of Rifle enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to partner in the process moving forward. The MOU does not obligate the City to commit any funds, resources, or maintenance of trails, but is a sign of support for the process as the groups involved creates a plan for the area.

Katie Mackley, Erik Villasenor, Aaron Mattix, and Gary Miller made comments in support of the mountain biking trails in the Rifle Arch Recreation area.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Land Management for Rifle Arch Recreation Area; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, and Clifton

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were given by City Manager Scott Hahn, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, and Chief of Police Tommy Klein.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Theresa Hamilton, Clint Hostettler, and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Kristy Doll
City Clerk




Barbara Clifton
Mayor